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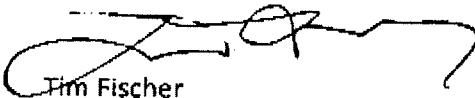
Dear Representatives:

RE: House Bills 5280, 5837 and 5843 (submitted by fax)

The Michigan Environmental Council supports House Bills 5280, 5837 and 5843.

We have one recommendation for House Bill 5843. We are unfamiliar with the term "hobbykeepers." "Hobby Beekeepers" is the term that is commonly used to refer to beekeepers who keep bees as a side-line business or hobby. This is the term used in the newly adopted Right to Farm Act GAAMPs Care of Animals chapter that deals with beekeeping.

Thank you,



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